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DELIVER NEA/ARN DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. OCCUPATION OF CANADIAN EMBASSY ENDED HAPPILY WITH LAST OF
35 HOSTAGES BEING RELEASED AFTER 2100 HOURS LOCAL. DERANGED
CANADIAN NATURALIZED MOHAMMED HAYMOUR AND HIS COUSINS
FROM THE BEKAA MADE NUMBER OF DEMANDS ON CANADIAN AND
LEBANESE GOVERNMENTS BUT FINALLY SETTLED FOR PROMISE THAT THESE
WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND UNDERTAKING THAT THE WOULD NOT BE
PUNISHED FOR HIS ARMED BREAK-IN AFTER INVESTIGATION. FOLLOW-
ING ON AUB MURDERS, AND CONTINUING IF MINOR INCIDENTS OF
VARIOUS SORTS WITHIN BEIRUT AND COUNTRYSIDE, ATTACK ON
CANADIAN EMBASSY CONTINUES TO POINT TO DIFFICULTY SYRIANS
ARE HAVING RECREATING NORMAL SECURITY HERE IN THE FACE OF
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SO MANY POLITICAL STRANDS OF OPPOSITION.

2. KHADDAM CONTINUED FEVERISH BACKSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS EE-
ING TOP LEADERS ONE AFTER HTE OTHER YESTERDAY IN ATTEMPT TO
PUT TOGETHER NEW GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS DISCUSS IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF BAABDA DECLARATION AND CAIRO AGREEMENT. KATAEB
THREE-DAY "SEMINAR" ENDED YESTERDAY WITH COMMUNIQUE
GENERALLY SUPPORTING FRANGIE AGREEMENT THOUGH ALWAKYS
WITH THE PROVISIO THAT LEBANESE AUTHORITY AND SECURITY
MUST BE ESTABLISHED.

3. FRENCH MISSION THAT CAME TO LOOK AT RECONSTRUCTION
NEEDS HAS RETURNED TO PARIS. ITS LEADER WAS CLOSE-
MOUTHED ABOUT IMPRESSIONS HERE THOUGH WE GATHER DESTRUCTION
MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AS VAST AS MISSION HAD BEEN LED TO
BELIEVE FROM REPORTS IN FRANCE.

4. AUB REOPENED FOR CLASSES YESTERDAY WITHOUT INCI-
DENT. NEW SECURITY MEASURES ARE UNDERWAY.
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